

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 00-1272-C)

Examiner: J. Riley
) Art Unit: 1637
Confirmation No.: 5877

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application.

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 17, 2003
 - b) Substitute section of response entitled "In the claims"
 - c) Return Receipt Postcard
- 2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No fees are due.
 - b) <u>General Authorization:</u> Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
- 3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on this 9th day of January, 2004 under the Express Mail label No. EV333551560US.

Date: Jan. 9, 2004

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Respectfylly submitted.

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In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/008,978) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: December 7, 2001) Art Unit: 1637
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFOR) Confirmation No. 5877)

RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE DATED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 17, 2003, attached please find a substitute section entitled "In the claims" of the Applicant's response dated November 23, 2003. As requested in the Notice, the recitation "Amended" has been changed to "Currently amended."

Prompt consideration and entry of this response and enclosure is respectfully requested.

Dated: Jan. 9, 2004

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